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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The application has been reviewed in light of the rejection dated March 19, 2008. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action alleges that the "test data" and "multi-level data" are "used by something other than the medium." However, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims include "test data used in reproducing the multi-level data" and "the test